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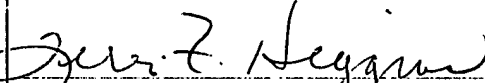
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled " An Epidural Catheter Dispenser System To Contain and Control an Epidural Catheter, Maintain Epidural Catheter Sterility and Prevent Epidural Catheter Contamination" by Robert C. Simpson*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) 25-page patent specification with 50 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1-10 on 9 sheets);
- (2) Declaration;
- (3) Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status; and
- (4) The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of **\$920.00** to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/13421.0002.NPUS00. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**13421.0002.NPUS00**.

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Total Claims	50 - 20 = 30	x \$9 = \$ 270.00	or x \$18 = \$
Independent Claims	7 - 3 = 4	x \$40 = \$ 160.00	or x \$80 = \$
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)		+ \$135 = \$ 135.00	or + \$270 = \$
Basic Fee:		+ \$355 = \$ 355.00	or + \$710 = \$
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